

met, and of all posterity, as the defenders of liberty, and preservers of peace and happiness to millions in the present and future generations?

314 Two years we have maintained the war, and struggled with difficulties innumerable; but the prospect has since brightened, and our affairs put on a better face. Now is the time to reap the fruits of all our toils and dangers; if we behave like men, this third campaign will be our last. Ours is the main army, to us our countrymen look for protection; the eyes of all America and Europe are turned upon us, as on those by whom the event of the war is to be determined; and the general assures his countrymen and fellow soldiers, that he believes the critical, the important time is at hand, which demands their most spirited exertions in the field.

Here glory waits to crown the brave—Peace, freedom and happiness, will be the rewards of victory. Animated by motives like these, soldiers fighting in the cause of innocence, humanity and justice, will never give way; but with undaunted resolution press on to conquest. And this the general assures himself is the part the American forces, now in arms, will act; and thus acting, he will ensure them success.

Head quarters, Wilmington, Sept. 6, 1777.

The general has no doubt but that every man who has a due sense of the importance of the cause he has undertaken to defend, and who has any regard to his own honour, and the reputation of a soldier, will, if called to action, behave like men contending for every thing valuable; but if, contrary to his expectation, there shall be found any officers or soldiers, so far lost to all shame, as basely to quit their post without orders, or shall sculk from danger, or offer to retreat before orders given for so doing by a proper officer superior in authority, they are to be instantly shot down, as a just punishment to themselves, and for examples to others. This order those in the rear, and the corps of reserve, are to see duly executed, to prevent the cowardly from making a sacrifice of the brave, and from their ill example and groundless tales (calculated to cover their own shameful conduct) spreading horror as they go. That this order may be well known, and strongly impressed upon the army, the general positively orders the commanding officer of every regiment to assemble his men and have it read to them, to prevent the plea of ignorance.

The general begs the favour of the officers to be attentive to all strange faces and suspicious characters which may be discovered in camp, and if, upon examination of them, no good account can be given why they are there, to carry them to the major general of the day for farther examination; this, as it is only a necessary precaution, is to be done in a manner least offensive.

In CONGRESS, Sept. 10, 1777.

Resolved, That the interest which shall arise, after the date of this resolution, on loan office certificates already issued, or which shall be issued before the first day of March next, be annually paid at the respective loan offices in bills of exchange on the commissioners of the United States in Paris, at the rate of five livres of France for every Spanish milled dollar due for the interest as aforesaid, or in continental bills of credit, at the option of the respective lenders.

Extra from the minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, sec.

September 17, 1777.

FOR sale, a SLOOP, five years old, about twelve hundred bushels burden, with very good sails and rigging. Apply to col. Fitzhugh at Lower Marlborough, or Mr. Joseph Anderson at Benedict, who will treat with any person inclinable to purchase, and may be shown the sloop and rigging by Mr. Henry Webb at Nottingham.

Charles county, August 6, 1777.

THE PLANTATION on which I now dwell; containing about five hundred and thirty acres of land, lying in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco; on which are a dwelling-house, with seven rooms and two passages on the lower floor, and five rooms and a passage above stairs, a kitchen with a brick floor, a brick milk-house, spinning-room and lumber-room, under one roof, a large granary, corn-house, stables, two tobacco-houses, cow-house, a dwelling-house, calculated to suit a weaver, and other out-houses: This land is rich, and capable of producing any commodity suited to the climate; there is a considerable quantity of low ground, which might be converted into fine meadow. The situation is high, dry, and healthy, the prospect delightful, having a fine view of Patowmack river, Virginia, Port-Tobacco creek, and the neighbourhood all round you; very convenient to two places of public worship, a protestant church, and Roman catholic chapel, which last is an elegant building, full in view, and adds to the other beauties of the place; two grist mills within a mile and a half, and Port-Tobacco warehouse almost at the door, plenty of fish in their season, and frequent opportunities in the winter of getting oysters—in short, this seat has every advantage to make life delightful and happy. Any person inclinable to purchase may view the premises, and know the terms of sale, by applying to

WILLIAM HANSON.

July 16, 1777.

To be SOLD, at the Northampton Furnace, about ten miles from Baltimore-Town, SALT-PANS of different sizes; and will make agreeable to any orders sent to the subscriber. Salt-pans to be delivered, either at the furnace or grist-wharf, by

HENRY HOWARD.

Annapolis, May 17, 1777.

THE subscriber, having the management of the TAN-YARD belonging to this state, will give encouraging prices for any quantity of sound green or dried hides, delivered in this city, where proper encouragement will be given to a good tanner, and the best price paid for those threads, by

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH.

July 9, 1777.
ALL persons indebted, on open account, to the partnership of JAMES DICK and STEWART, or to either of them, are requested to discharge the same by payment, or to settle and give bonds for their debts, with security, where required, which will save all further trouble, as, if this request is not soon complied with, suits will be commenced without farther notice.—Attendance will be given on every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at the subscriber's store at Annapolis, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at his house in London-Town.

JAMES DICK.

Instead of attending at Annapolis as above mentioned, attendance will now be given every Thursday and Friday, at Newington Rope-walk, near Annapolis.

J. D.

SALT-PANS, ten feet square, and fifteen inches deep, with screws ready to join and fit them up, made at Catbain furnace, about ten miles from Frederick-Town, at fifty-five pounds per ton. If different sizes are desired, they will be attempted.—Carriage from the furnace to Baltimore is now at seven pounds a ton.

JAMES JOHNSON.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Anne-Arundel county, near Herring-creek church, some time in March last, a negro man, named Jack, commonly called Jack Hutton, near 30 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high; he is a good carpenter, cooper, and painter; he went away with a mulatto woman belonging to Miss Mary Belt, near Rock-creek; carried with him a mouse-coloured mare, with foal, branded, M F, four white feet and a star. Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him, so that I get him again, shall have sixteen dollars, and four for the mare.

JOHN WEEMS.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED from the 2d Maryland regiment, the following men, viz. RALPH BEALL, about eighteen years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, of a swarthy complexion, formerly lived near Bladenburg, Prince George's county.

ELIAKIM COLVERT, about the size of Beall, aged twenty-two years, formerly lived in Nanjemoy, Charles county.

AARON SPALDING, about 30 years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high, formerly lived in St. Mary's county.

ALEXANDER SMART, about twenty-one or two years of age, born in Ireland, much pitted with the small-pox: Had on, when he went away, a coarse linen hunting-shirt. Deserted some time in May last.

WILSON JACKSON, about forty years of age, five feet ten inches high, has some gray hairs in the fore part of his head. Deserted some time in June last.

JOSEPH WINTENTON formerly lived in Anne-Arundel county, enlisted by major John Stewart. Any person apprehending said delinquents, and delivering them to any officer of the 2d regiment, or bring them to Annapolis, shall have the above reward, or twenty dollars for either of them.

JAMES WINCHESTER, lieutenant.

Annapolis, June 3, 1777.

BROKE GAOL last night, the following prisoners,

THOMAS BYRNE, committed on suspicion of forgery, about five feet eight inches high, of a dark complexion, long visaged, black short hair: Had on, when he made his escape, a felt hat, red silk handkerchief spotted with white, an old blue coat with short skirts, a light coloured cloth jacket, regimental made,

with buttons marked M country made shoes; with a remarkable small pair of brass buckles in them.

NEGRO JEM, under sentence of death, about five feet nine inches high, between fifty and sixty years of age, and has a lump on his forehead something like a wen: Had on, when he made his escape, a light-coloured coat, turned up with white.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS, committed for want of security for his good behaviour, about 30 years of age, 5 feet ten inches high, has short light coloured hair, is of a ruddy complexion, and has thick lips: He is much given to liquor, and when intoxicated therewith is exceedingly abusive.—Any person who apprehends any of the above persons, and secures them, so that they may be had again, shall receive five pounds reward for any or each of them.

Also committed to my custody, as a runaway, a negro man, named ISAAC, formerly the property of the above Joseph Williams, and says he belongs to Benjamin Darby, of Montgomery county. His master is hereby requested to take him away and pay charges.

THOMAS DEALE, sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Edward Cole, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to bring them in, properly authenticated and attested, that they may be adjusted, and those who are indebted to the said estate are earnestly requested to make speedy payment, that the subscriber may thereby be the better enabled to pay off the claims against the said estate in due time.

All accounts received and approved by Mr. Basil Burges, who is empowered to settle the business, and all receipts given by him, for money received for the use of the said estate, shall be binding on

MARY COLE, Administratrix.

There came to the subscriber's plantation, in the life time of her deceased husband, about a year ago, a middle sized black cow, with a calf by her side; she is marked with a hole and slit in the right, and a crop and under cut in the left ear, her fore legs white, has a bob-tail, and is about 8 or 9 years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

To be RUN for, on Thursday the 9th day of October, a purse of fifteen pounds, free for any horse, mare, or gelding, carrying weight for five, one hundred and twenty-six the standard, and to rise and fall according to the rules of racing horses, &c. To be entered with Mr. John Morton the day preceding the race.

On the day following will be run for, a small purse, the sum not yet known, and on the above terms, the winning horse of the preceding day only excepted. wa

September 18, 1777.

LOST, the 30th of last month, between Annapolis and the Governor's Bridge, a gold-headed CANE, with the letter A engraved thereon. Whoever has found the same, and will bring it to Mrs. OGLE, at Bellair, or the Printer hereof, shall receive four dollars reward.

A MILLER, capable of managing a merchant mill, such a person may meet with encouragement by applying to the printer.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Washington county, Chew's Farm, Sept. 1, 1777.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Chew's Farm, a NEGRO fellow named Sampson, about six feet high, between forty and fifty years of age: Had on and took with him, when he went away, an old full lined jacket, a pair of blue breeches, a tow shirt and trousers, but may have other cloaths: He is remarkable by having a blemish in one of his eyes, is a designing, cunning rogue, though would often appear silly, or a fool, by which means he disguises himself. Having been raised on the eastern shore, I have reason to think he has gone that way, having frequently expressed a desire to be there.—Whoever takes up said negro, and returns him to the subscriber, if within thirty miles, shall receive eight dollars, and if farther, the above reward, paid by

SIMON DOYLE.

Upper-Marlborough, August 1, 1777.

Agreeable to the will of John Hepburn, Esq; deceased, will be SOLD, by public vendue, at Mrs. Gibson's, in Upper-Marlborough, on Saturday the 27th of September, for ready money,

THREE and a half LOTS of ground adjoining each other in the said town, on one of which stands a very good two story brick house, three rooms below, and four above, a cellar under one half of the house, a brick kitchen; two rooms below and two above, a negro quarter, milk-house, store-house, stable and chaise-house.

At the same time will be sold, two other houses in Upper-Marlborough, one where William Urquhart keeps tavern, under lease for twenty-one years, nine of which are expired; the other one is now made use of as an office for the records removed from Annapolis, rents for 24

SAM. CHEW HEPBURN, executor.

May 6, 1777.

PATAPSCO SLITTING-MILL.

THIS is to inform the public, that the subscriber's MILL is completely finished, and now at work, where he sells NAIL RODS of all sorts, SHEET IRON, thick and thin, and HOOPING of any breadth or thickness, upon as good terms as they can be procured in any of the United States.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.

N. B. A number of NAILORS are wanted, to whom great encouragement will be given, by

W. W.

ANY person or persons, who will undertake the STOCKING of MUSKETS for this STATE, may have any number, and all the materials found, by applying to

JOHN SHAW, Annapolis.

Wanted, a quantity of OLD BRASS, for which a good price will be given.

Calvert county.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 27th day of July last, a lusty NEGRO man, named Tom, about twenty-five years of age, of a yellowish complexion, and has a down look, his wool is combed up before, and his crown is oftentimes shaved, he is a tolerable good shoemaker, and understands the water, as he has been used to go in the boat with me: Had on, when he went away, a gray farnought coat, one duffel ditto, country cloth breeches, striped and bound before with blue; one pair of blue cloth ditto, one country linen shirt, and one white ditto, one pair of white yarn stockings, one pair of shoes with brass buckles, and a straw hat bound with black; he speaks short in a muttering way. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him so that the owner may get him again, shall receive ten dollars reward, paid by

HILARY WILSON.

To the PUBLIC,

HIS excellency the governor, having authorized and empowered the subscriber to finish his business in the several courts, all persons are desired to take notice of the same. Letters directed to the subscriber in Annapolis will be duly attended to.

BENJAMIN GALLOWAY.

June 25, 1777.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living at Patapsco Slitting-mill, a convict servant man, named SAMUEL WRIGHT, by trade a millwright, but can turn his hands to almost any sort of business, thirty-eight years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, very swarthy complexion; black curling hair, much given to liquor: Had on a frize waistcoat without sleeves, leather breeches, half worn shoes, country linen shirt, and an old hat. Whoever takes up and secures the said servant, so that his master may get him again, shall have, if taken ten miles from home, three pounds; if twenty miles, five pounds, if sixty miles, three pounds, and, if out of the province, the above reward.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.